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(3) & (4) The Government have not the detailed information. The total tree-tax for faslis 1331 and 1332, i.e., for the years previous and subsequent to the revision was as follows :—

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Fasli 1331	31,254
Fasli 1332	74,325

(5) The differentiation in regard to ownership of fallen trees is due to the fact that in Tanjore there has survived an older system of taxation under which the trees planted on assessed land were taxed instead of the land on which they grow. This system has disappeared in all other districts. The same fact explains the reason why the Government lowered the rate for Tanjore.

Village Officers.

Village shanbhogues of South Kanara.

128 Q.—Mr. B. MAHABALA HEGDE : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the grievances of village shanbhogues of South Kanara (karnams) have come to the notice of Government ?

A.—The Government are not aware of the grievances of the village shanbhogues of South Kanara nor have they received any representations from them.

Village officers whose services were dispensed with under the regrouping of villages.

129 Q.—Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of village officers whose services were dispensed with in consequence of the regrouping of villages effected by Government during the last two years ;

(*b*) in how many cases appeals were preferred to the Collector ;

(*c*) in how many of such cases the Collector has revised the orders of the Divisional officers ;

(*d*) in how many cases appeals or revision petitions were preferred to the Board of Revenue against the orders of the Collector ; and

(*e*) in how many of such cases the Board revised the orders of the Collector ?

A.—Regrouping of villages is effected by the Board of Revenue with reference to the provisions of the Madras Act II of 1894 and Act III of 1895. The number of village officers and menials whose abolition the Board has sanctioned during the last two calendar years is given below, but the actual number dispensed with is not known as the process of carrying out the orders is still going on :—

—	Karnams.	Assistant Karnams.	Headmen.	Monigars.	Vettis.	Nirgantis.	Talayaris.
Ryotwari areas ..	1,138	608	2,356	885	5,751	1,035	4,979
Proprietary areas ..	511	12	494	51	24	1	266